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Dream Kiss
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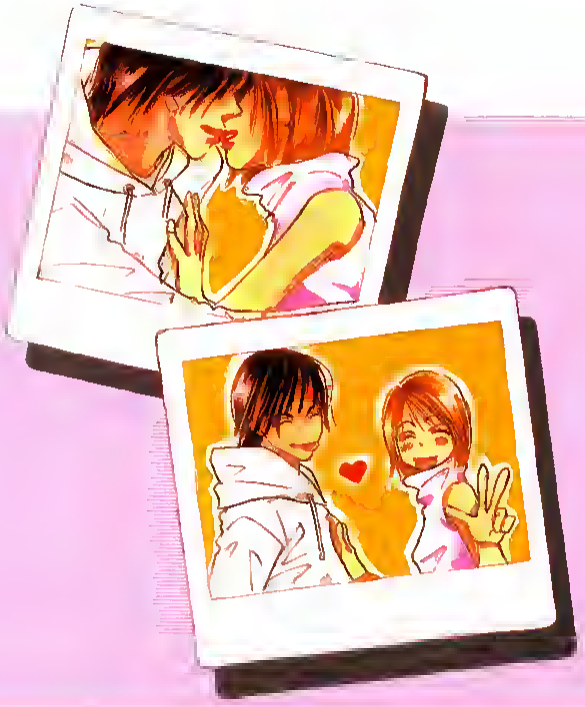

The group of guys I, Azuki, am in charge of, is finally going through the final round of selecting the members who will officially debut!! And my relationship with Souma is going smoothly too... Well, I would want to say that, but my first love, Arata (Souma's sempai), has confessed to me...

This volume also includes an extra chapter, "Juliet Club". This is the dramatic ending of the story!!

Stories included: "Yume Chu 4" "Juliet Club" "We, the Demon and Christmas"

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DREAM KISS
トリーム・キッス

おおや和美（かずみ）
KAZUMI＊OHYA

＊別コミフラワーコミックス＊

Hi everybody! This is the last volume of Yume Chu! Thanks to everyone who followed this story till the end!

While this was published, there were people who notice that Azuki is the Azuki of Lucky Crazy Super Star. She is a grown-up lady now (Laughs). I think it's possible that both father and daughter of the Yamagishi Agency will appear again in the future.. Till then, I hope they are remembered.

SPECIAL THANX.

TO

YAMAGISHI SAN

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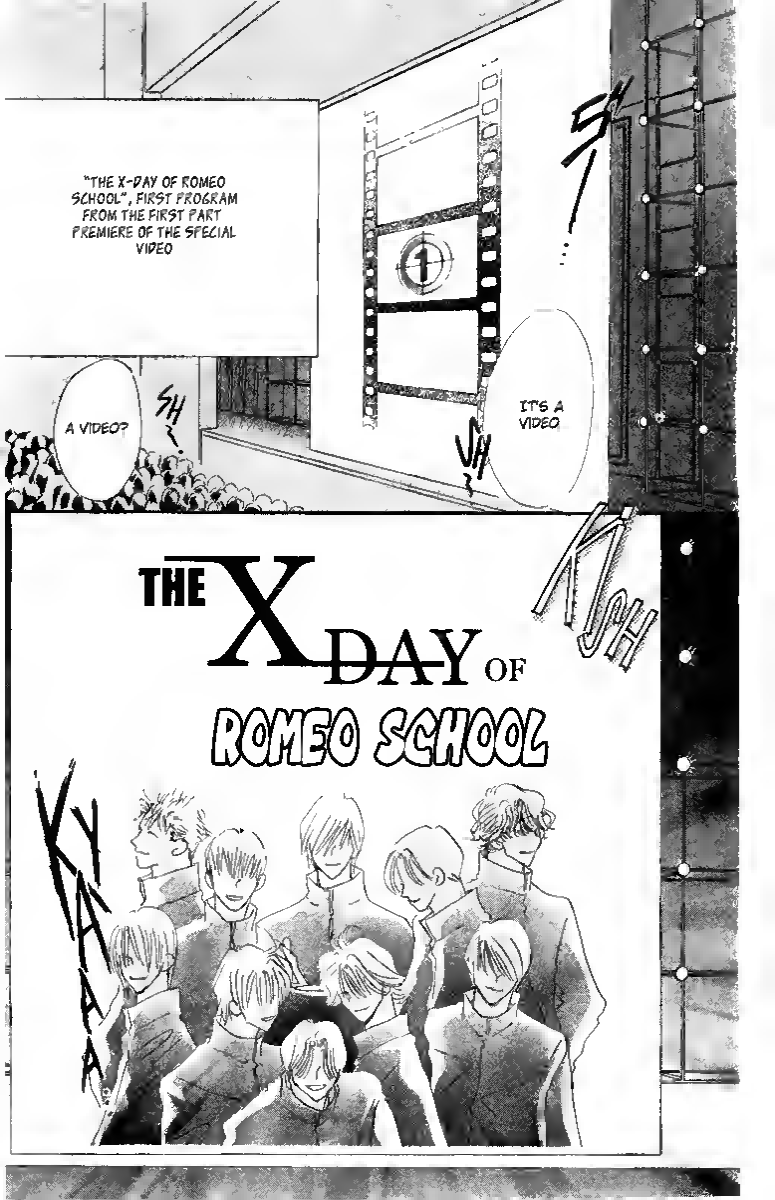
"THE X-DAY OF ROMEO SCHOOL", FIRST PROGRAM FROM THE FIRST PART PREMIERE OF THE SPECIAL VIDEO
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A VIDEO?
SH
IT'S A VIDEO
JH
KJ
JH
THE X DAY OF
ROMEO SCHOOL
KYAA

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY REHEARSED?
AND DID THEIR BEST.
THESE ARE SCENES FROM THE FIRST AUDITION OF ROMEO SCHOOL.
EVERYBODY LOOKED NERVOUS
SOUMA
IT'S SHINGO
AH, IT'S TAZUKU!
SHA SHA
HEY WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GYAH
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
He's the spoiled kid.
WAH YOU STARTLED ME?!
Kya!! It's Jun and Daiki?
Fu, Fu...
Fu.
Fu. .

SOUTA UEHARA
OKAY, NOW THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMBERS!
NUMBER 1 IS UEHARA SOUTA!
FLASH
FLASH
KYAA
NUMBER 4...
NUMBER 5
JUN HAKANISHI
TAZUKU SUZUKI
NUMBER 2 SUZUKI TAZUKU
KYAA
DAIKI SUMI
SOUMA NAKAIDO
NUMBER 3 SUMI DAIKI
NUMBER 8 NAKAIDO SOUMA
NUMBER 9...

10 BOYS IN TOTAL
THEY ARE...
ZIU SH
ROMEO SCHOOL!!

WAAA
2ND PROGRAM PERSONAL INTRODUCTION OF EACH MEMBER OF ROMEO SCHOOL
IT'S A COMPLETE SUCCESS, AZUKI.
YEAH, TILL NOW...
PHEW...

BY ONLY LOOKING AT THEM,
YOU CAN ALREADY KNOW WHO WILL BE CHOSEN
ARATA!
WAIT A SECOND
YOU'RE A SPECIAL GUEST WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'LL CREATE A FUSS IF THEY SEE YOU HERE?!
OKAY, OKAY.
FORGIVE ME, MY LADY. I'M LEAVING NOW.

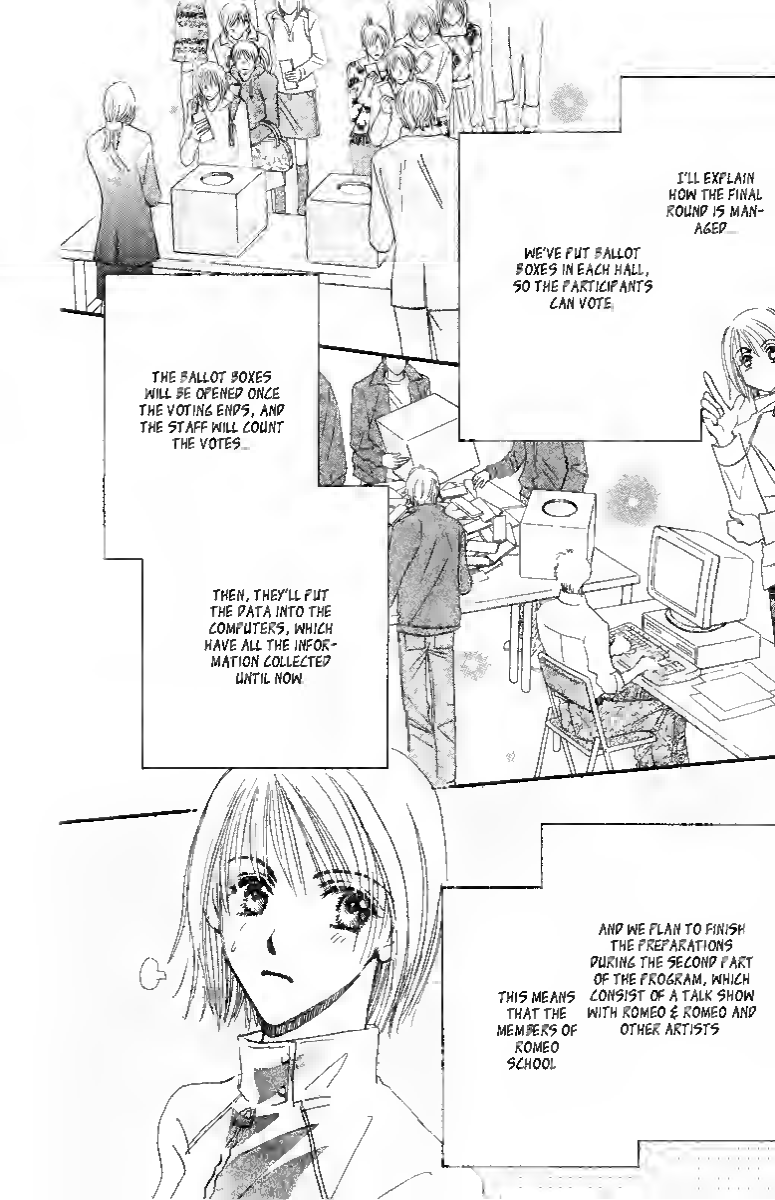
AZUKI
WE ALL KNOW THAT NAKAIDO SOUMA..
WILL BE CHOSEN
I ALSO THINK THAT HE'S DOING GREAT.
TELL ME, AZUKI ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THIS?
I MEAN THAT HE IS CHOSEN AND BECOMING A REAL ARTIST
YES.

I just realized it
after what Souma said... about me
"It's probably that you will get bored of a normal guy quickly"
The truth is
that seeing him there on the stage under the spot-light
HELLO EVERY-BODY.
I'M NAKAIDO SOUMA...
AAA

Well...
Why am I like this?
He looks very handsome
HAA.....
Now I know that the normal boyfriend thing was impossible for me since the beginning
THAT'S WHY!
AH! I TOLD YOU!
PLEASE, GO BACK OR WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
AH! YOU WERE HERE, ARATA!

Perhaps
DON'T SAY WEIRD THINGS
Hey!
FLIP
ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL
HE LOOKS LIKE A TROUBLE-SOME GUY.
AH?
NEXT IS ROMEO SCHOOL LIVE!
AND I CAN'T HELP HIM ANYMORE LIKE LAST TIME

WELL... NOW THERE IS AN INTERLUDE OF 30 MINUTES
IT'S A POTPOURRI OF ROMEO & ROMEO HITS
PLEASE, WRITE THE NAME OF A MEMBER IN THE PAPER AND PUT IT ON ONE OF THE BALLOT BOX AT THE ENTRANCE.
3RD PROGRAM ROMEO SCHOOL LIVE
4TH PROGRAM ENDING OF THE FIRST PART. BEGINNING OF THE BALLOT.
BLAH
BLAH


I'LL EXPLAIN HOW THE FINAL ROUND IS MANAGED...
WE'VE PUT BALLOT BOXES IN EACH HALL, SO THE PARTICIPANTS CAN VOTE.
THE BALLOT BOXES WILL BE OPENED ONCE THE VOTING ENDS, AND THE STAFF WILL COUNT THE VOTES.
THEN, THEY'LL PUT THE DATA INTO THE COMPUTERS, WHICH HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION COLLECTED UNTIL NOW.
THIS MEANS THAT THE MEMBERS OF ROMEO SCHOOL
AND WE PLAN TO FINISH THE PREPARATIONS DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH CONSIST OF A TALK SHOW WITH ROMEO & ROMEO AND OTHER ARTISTS

ONLY HAVE
TO WAIT FOR THE FINAL RESULTS
ROMEO SCHOOL
WAITING ROOM
AH...
IT WAS ENDED...
WAHHH! IT'S TERRIBLE! I GOT THAT STEP WRONG...
IDIOT...
YOU STEPPED ON ME...
YOU ALMOST MADE ME TRIP
I want to die...
IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN IF WE AREN'T CHOSEN,
WE CAN STILL WORK IN THE AGENCY.
I'M STAYING, I WON'T CONTINUE.
REALLY!?

LISTEN ...
LOOKING AT THE AUDIENCE, YOU NOTICE WHO WILL BE CHOSEN...
HUM?
IT'S TRUE...
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT...
THEY SURELY WILL BE CHOSEN.
.....

CHAK...
PRESIDENT AND SPECIAL GUESTS' WAITING ROOM
IT'LL BE FUN
THEY SHOULD HAVE STARTED COUNTING THE VOTES BY NOW...
THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.
YOU...

TAP TAP TAP
HI!
ATTENTION! WE START IN 10 MINUTES!
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
TOORU!!
YES, EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO OUR PLAN
BUT I CAN'T GO IN THE VOTE-COUNTING ROOM
HEY, EVERYONE!
GOOD JOB!
KRAK
KRAK
AH, TOORU!
DON'T SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR!
DAMMIT, ARATA!
TAP
TAP
AH
YOU FINALLY ARRIVE, PARTNER.

Nice to meet you!
Thank you!
TU-TUM
UWA! WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
Arata?

"THERE'S A GUY... I WANT TO BEAT."
TU-TUM
AH...
Maybe...

It can't be

Souma

AH
AZLIKI
TU-TUM
YES!?
COME HERE FOR A MOMENT

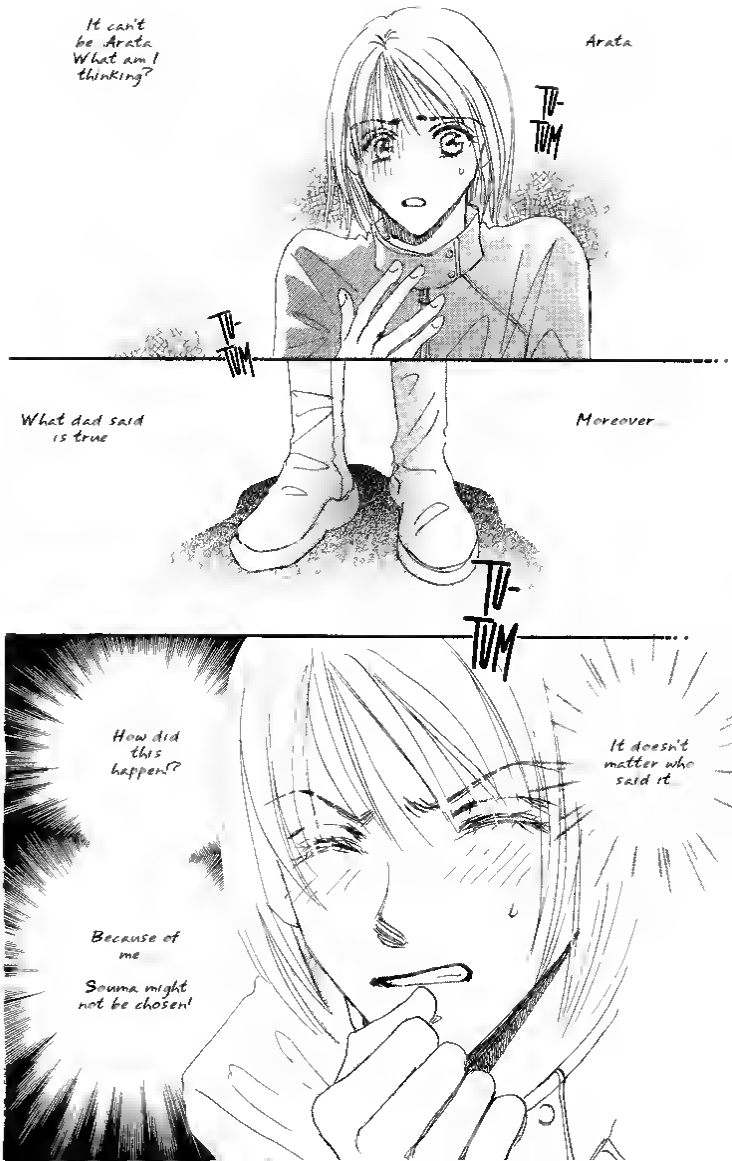
OKAY SEE YOU LATER.
LWAA I'M NERVOUS...
BLAH
COMING
IS IT ALREADY DECIDED?
PROBABLY!
AZUKI
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
CHAK
PRESIDENT
ARE THE RESULTS READY!?

WAHKYAA!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU ARE GOING OUT...
WITH NAKAIDO SOUMA?

WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S NOT RELATED TO THIS!!
SECOND PART, 5TH PROGRAM
ROMEO & ROMEO LIVE

!!
IS IT TRUE!?
ANSWER ME!!
WE'RE ALREADY SHORT OF TIME, AND...
EVEN IF IT IS...I DON'T SEE WHY DISCUSS IT RIGHT NOW!!
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD
THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF FRAUD IN THE WEBSITE BALLOT. YOU COULD HAVE MADE THE WINNER ANYONE YOU WANTED.
YOU'RE WRONG

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO TOLD ME.
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT NAKAIDO MIGHT NOT BE CHOSEN TODAY DUE TO THE SUSPICIONS
WH-
WHO TOLD YOU THAT!?
HOW WOULD IT BE POS-SIBLE FOR ME TO DO THAT?
"ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD BE CARE-FUL."
"HE LOOKS LIKE A TROUBLESOME GUY."
TU-TUM
H-How cruel...
Who was it?


It can't be Arata What am I thinking?
Arata
TU-TUM
TU-TUM
What dad said is true
Moreover
TU-TUM
How did this happen!?
Because of me
Souma might not be chosen!
It doesn't matter who said it

BELIEVE ME DAD!!
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING THAT COULD HARM THIS PROJECT!!
Since the first day
DEAL
Except for Souma's kiss
ONCE THIS HAS ENDED,
I CAN RESIGN FROM THE AGENCY IF YOU WANT!
BUT I ASK YOU TO BELIEVE ME RIGHT NOW!!

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CHIAK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR JOB,
AZUKI.
HEY!
YOU CAN'T ENTER HERE!
SOUMA!!

ZUSH
IT'S TRUE...
THAT I LIKE HER
SOUMA!?

BUT...
TO AZUKI, THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN ROMEO SCHOOL
YOU ALSO KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
I KNOW...
THAT WE CAN'T CLEAR OUR NAMES RIGHT NOW, BUT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK IF YOU JUST DON'T CONSIDER THE VOTES I GOT IN THE WEBSITE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
YOU WOULD BE AT A DISADVANTAGE...
I DON'T CARE

I KNOW...
HOW HARD YOU HAVE WORKED.
SOUMA...
ARE YOU SURE... ABOUT THAT?
YES
THEN, YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AZUKI ISN'T JUST A RUMOR?

OKAY!
KRANK
THAT'S RIGHT.
START COUNTING THE VOTES AGAIN!!
YES!
HURRY UP!
COME ON, NAKAIDO.
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE.
AZUKI!
SOUMA!

YOU'RE STAYING WITH ME
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW IT ENDS.
BUT I DON'T WANT MORE COMPLAINTS FROM YOU

AZUKI!
I JUST SAID THAT YOU'RE STAYING HERE!
.....
SOUMA!
ROMEO SCHOOL
WAITING ROOM

ZIU
SH
CHIK
BLAH
BLAH
AH!
I'M SURE THEY HEARD EVERY-THING

FUMP
ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT!?

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT!?
WE ARE COMPLETELY SURE THAT...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITHOUT THE WEBSITE'S VOTES?!
AZUKI WOULDN'T CHEAT!
HUM
CALM DOWN WE DON'T KNOW THE RESULTS YET
MOREOVER, DON'T FORGET THAT HE IS ONE OF THE SOU-SOU

ah
SUCH SELF-CONFIDENCE! WHAT AM I WORRYING ABOUT?!
IM AN IDIOT
FU FU
SMIRK
BUT..
WHO TOLD ON US TO THE PRESIDENT?

YOU WERE GREAT!
WAA
BLAH
HAVE YOU FINISHED ON TIME?
YES —.
BLAH
THANK YOU ROMEO&ROMEO!
WELL, NOW..

IT'S...
.....
AH
ANY PROBLEMS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
PRESIDENT!
WE'VE FINISHED!!
UH
WE HAVE THE RESULTS.
AZUKI!
STAY HERE!
AH
I SEE

ARATA!
TU-TUM...
Arata
Who? Who told my father about Souma and me?
IT LOOKS LIKE NAKAIDO SOUMA DID EVERYTHING HE COULD.
LET'S SEE HIS RESULTS

TU-
TUM
It wasn't you, right?!
TU-
TUM
ARATA!
ZUHH
It wasn't you, was it? Arata?!
ARATA!

FU
AZUKI..
YOUR FACE IS LIKE AN OPEN BOOK
THAT MEANS...
YOU SUSPECT ME.
HAA
IT WASN'T YOU, RIGHT?

AZUKI,
YOU'RE WRONG.
GAH!
Souma?
ARATA DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO THE PRESIDENT.
BUT HE TALKED TO ME.
EH?

HE SAW THE CULPRIT GOING WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS.
AND HE CAME TO TELL ME THAT...
THINGS WILL PROBABLY GET COMPLICATED.
PROTECT AZUKI..
AH...
Was it at that moment?

That's why Souma came at that moment...
TU-TUM
Because of me?
IT'S TRUE THAT I LIKE HER
I'M NOT GOING TO HELP HIM ANYMORE
LIKE I SAID.

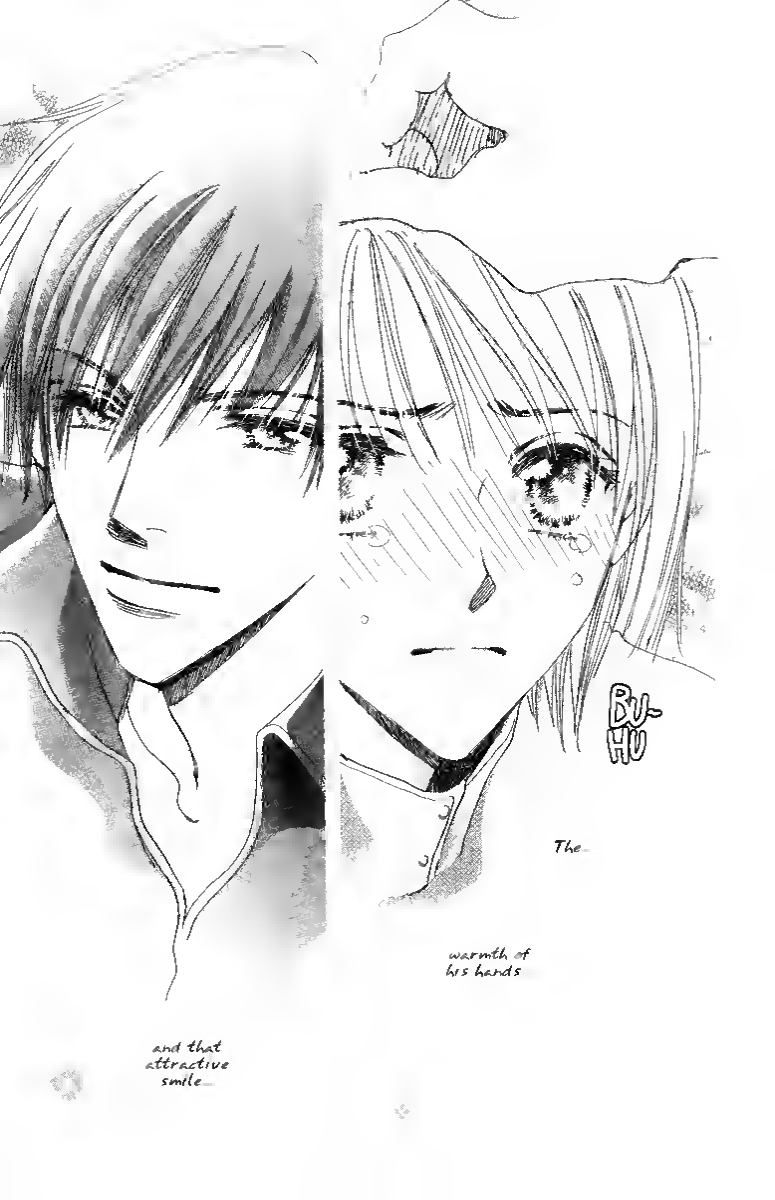
.....
NARITA SHINGO!?
ZUMP
TO LET YOU KNOW
HE IS THE CULPRIT!
IF SOMEONE WHO IS DATING THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER WINS...
ANYBODY WOULD THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD!
W-
WHY!?
IT'S UNFAIR!!

DAMMIT!
IN FACT, I KNOW.
FOR...
YOU WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
FORGIVE ME!
WELL,
THAT'S TRUE.
SOB...
SHINGO...
AZUKI?

What a downer...
Don't cry here...
But... I'm the worst...
PAT
GYUP
The worst!
HEY, IT'S TOO SOON TO CRY.
WE DON'T KNOW THE RESULTS YET
I'm the one who cause for this...
And it's my fault that Souma had to...
And I even suspected Arata...
ARATA...

I'M SORRY!
HUM
I'M GOING TO...
FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME.
FUP
FORGIVE ME
ARATA! I'M SORRY!
OKAY.
BUT IF YOU BREAK UP WITH NAKAIDO, YOU HAVE TO COME BACK TO ME. OKAY?
SMIRK

AH...
FUMP
THEN, GO TO HIM NOW
ZUOP
SNIFF
TOP
PLEASE, DON'T CRY...
Even though I feel so frustrated...
MISS PRODUCER


BU-
HU
The...
warmth of
his hands
and that
attractive
smile...

I LOVE HIM
SO MUCH
HU
Crap!

Ah. Where do they think they are?
LET'S GO
THAT'S RIGHT
THEY FINISHED COUNTING THE VOTES!!
NOW THEY ARE GOING TO INFORM THE MEMBERS WHO ARE GOING TO BE PART OF ROMEO SCHOOL!
GO BACK TO THE STAGE AND WAIT!!

ARATA, AZUKI... COME INTO THE ROOM.
THE SPECIAL JUDGES WILL MAKE A LAST VERIFICATION
WELL... THEY ARE THE FOUR I MENTIONED EARLY.
ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS, NAKAIDO IS IN...
GULP...

THE FIFTH PLACE!
Wow!!
There are going to be five members!
HOWEVER,
THEY..
DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT ONE OF THE MEMBERS HAS THAT KIND OF RECORD
ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T PLANNED, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE GROUP IS GOING TO CONSIST OF ONLY 4 PEOPLE..

ZUSH
TELL ME.
DO YOU THINK THE FANS ARE GOING TO ACCEPT THAT?
WAIT...
HOW CAN YOU...
WHAT WOULD THE FANS WHO VOTED FOR HIM SAY IF HE WEREN'T CHOSEN?
EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WITH NAKAIDO'S POPULARITY,
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN FIRST OR SECOND PLACE RIGHT?

ZIU—SH
IF YOU DO THAT AFTER ALL THE HARD WORK...
COULD WE SAY THAT THE PROJECT WAS SUCCESSFUL?
ANOTHER THING...
AZUKI SAID THAT AS AN APOLOGY FOR THE TROUBLE SHE CAUSED
SHE'LL BREAK UP WITH NAKAIDO
Arata
YOU'VE SAID THAT YOU WEREN'T HELPING HIM ANYMORE
EHH?!

YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.
WHY CAN'T YOU LIE? SINCE THE BEGINNING IT WAS A SECRET RELATIONSHIP ANYWAY. YOU JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE LIKE THAT
Me too!
PAAAH
TOORU
AZUKI!
GASP
HEY!
IS THAT TRUE, AZUKI?
.....
AH...

PRESIDENT!
SPECIAL JUDGES!!
YES!
BLINK
I WON'T HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH .
NAKAIDO SOUMA ANYMORE!!
I'VE ALREADY UNDERSTOOD
THAT I'M THE DAUGHTER OF YAMAGISHI PRODUCTIONS' PRESIDENT
♡
WAHU HU HU HU!
HEY, HOLD IT
Good point? That's my girl.
HOW SWEET.

THE TIME TO KNOW THE RESULTS HAS ARRIVED!!
AFTER LONG TESTS, THE CHOSEN FIVE ARE THE FOLLOWING!
LAST PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEMBERS
KYAAA-
IN FIRST PLACE, UEHARA SOUTA!

SUZUKI TAZUKU!
SUMI DAIKI!
WAHOOM
NAKANISHI JUN!
EH!?
ME!?
AND THE LAST ONE IS...
I can't believe it!
Is it true? can't be!

NAKAIDO SOUMA!!
KYAA
HUM...
BLUSH
HE'S SURPRISED.
AND...

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THIS NEW GROUP IS...
ROMEO EXIT

HU 3
WA HAHA HA
HEY.
SILENCE!
DON'T YOU THINK THE NAME IS A BIT TACKY?
HEY...
DON'T SAY IT EVEN THOUGH IT'S TRUE
WELL, I THINK IT'S BETTER THAN ROMEO SCHOOL.
I think
WAAA...
WAA

HU
HU
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WE CAN FINALLY MEET ALONE
♡
TWO MONTHS LATER
AH

BJJ
BJJ
14
SORRY
THEY CAUGHT ME
BIP
TEXT MESSAGE
When I escape I'll call you
Souma
I SEE
PRRR
BLUMSP
THAT IDIOT!
WHY DOESN'T HE TRY A BIT TO GO UNNOTICED!?
He went out too naturally.

ROMEO EX
DEBUT!
ANYWAY, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? I KNOW I HAVE BAD LUCK WITH MEN.
OKAY, I BETTER GO SHOPPING. ♡
THAT'S WHY I FANCIED SUCH A TROUBLESOME GUY...
AFTER ALL
IT HAS JUST BEGUN!

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JULIET CLUB (FIRST PART)

SOUTHERN LIBRARY
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♡
SUMMER BREAK HAS ENDED, AND THERE IS A BORING GIRL HERE.
THAT GIRL IS ME... MATSUMOTO YUU, 17 YEARS OLD.
UGH. IT'S HOT...
IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NOISE IN THE CLASSROOM, I ALWAYS COME TO STUDY AT THE LIBRARY.
BUT I WOULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED HAVING A MEETING LIKE THIS...

AND I WOULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED FALLING IN LOVE LIKE THIS
I JUST REALIZED. HE'S IN MY SEAT.
ONE SIDED DECISION
IT'S WEIRD THERE'S A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HERE AT THIS TIME?
EH?
UWA HE'S WEARING A UNIFORM OF KEISHU HIGH!
SUMMER UNIFORM
WHY WOULD A STUDENT FROM SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL COME HERE?

HUMF
I'LL JUST SIT HERE TODAY.
WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE.
HUFF
UGH... I CAN'T STAND THIS GUY!
GYO
.....

GR
RR
I ALWAYS SIT HERE!!
AND I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SIT ONLY THERE?
CAN'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?
HMPH
!?
GRR
GROAR~R
YOU'RE DOING IT ON PUR-POSE AREN'T YOU?
WHAT A DRAG. I ALREADY KKNOW YOU'RE A JULIET.
JULIET? WHAT IS THIS JERK TALKING ABOUT?!
AHH! BUT IF I CHANGE PLACES THAT MEANS I GAVE IN.

CONCENTRATION!!
IGNORE HIM!
IGNORE HIM!
THAT'S IT! I'M GOING TO IGNORE HIM.
ZAP
ZAP
.....
HMM...

GIVE IT TO ME.
REPLACING THIS NUMBER..
AH.. I SEE
YOU.. SOLVE IT LIKE THIS.
SINCE WHEN?!
GYA-
EH?
GRIN
I'M SORRY..
YOU AREN'T A JULIET. FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT I SAID.
WELL.
TAKE IT
AH... THANKS.

SEE YOU!
SCREECH
AH!
IT'S LATE!
HMM.
WHAT IS A JULIET?
GRAB
STA—RE
HUMFF...
LIWA!
AH!
HAH

BLEH
FU
FU
OH.
AH.
SINCE THAT DAY, WE WOULD...
ACCIDENTALY MEET TWICE A WEEK
AND SOMETIMES HE WOULD EXPLAIN THE MOST DIFFICULT MATH PROBLEMS TO ME.
NOW WHICH ONE?
NUMBER 2

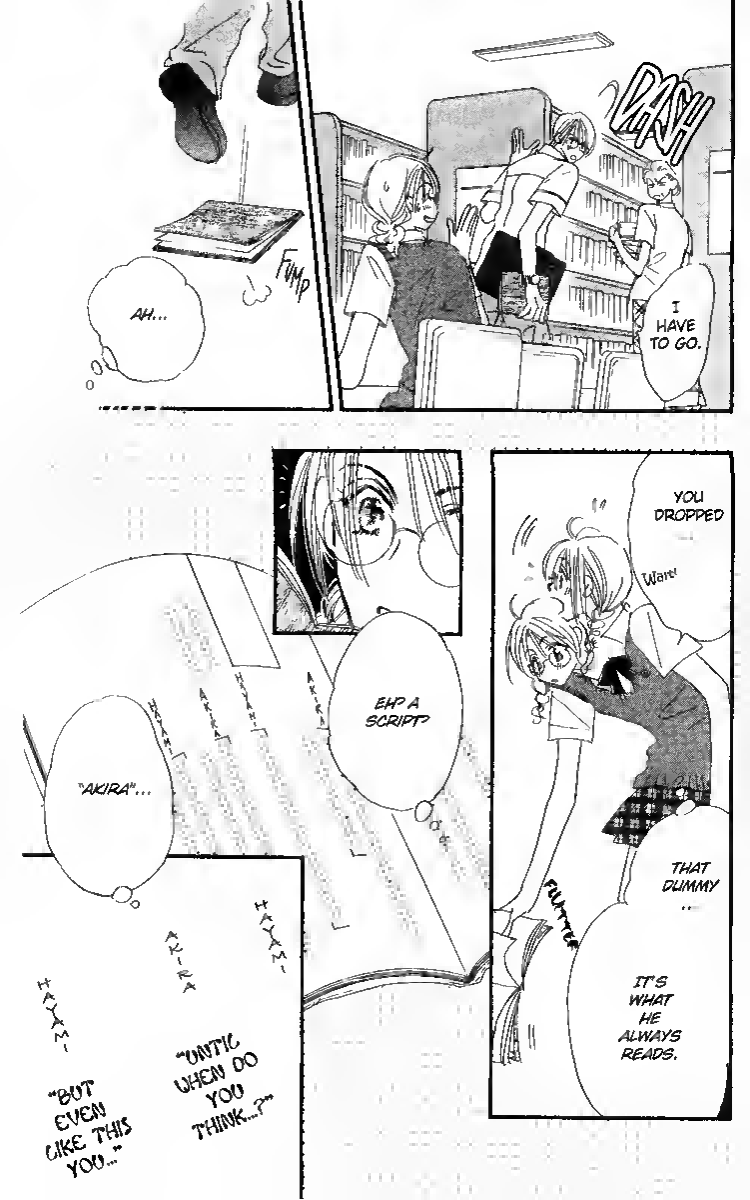
SAY,
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SKIVE OFF SCHOOL TO COME HERE?
HOWEVER, MOST OF THE TIME EACH OF US WOULD STAY IN OUR OWN WORLDS.
EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER'S NAMES...
AT LEAST, WE ARE SHARING THE SAME AIR.

HA HA. IT'S VERY EMBARRASSING TO SAY THIS,
BUT THEY BULLY THE NERD TYPE IN MY SCHOOL.
ME?
INADVERTENTLY, I CAUGHT A COLD BEFORE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS,
AND I COULD'T GET INTO THE SCHOOL I WANTED THEN I HAD TO ENROLL IN MY CURRENT ONE.
ALSO, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY AT HOME TO SEND ME TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL.
I... EVEN THOUGH IT SOUNDS PRETENTIOUS, I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR.
EVEN THOUGH IT'LL BE HARD FOR ME.
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP.

ERM... YOU'RE FROM KEISHU HIGH, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S AMAZING.
I admired you.
EH?
CRUSH
WELL, I'M LIKE YOU. I HAVE A GOOD REASON TO COME.
I LIKE TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY. AND I SPEND THE TIME HERE UNTIL IT'S TIME TO WORK.
I'M ALSO.
BULLIED AT SCHOOL.
NAH IN FACT, EVEN AT HOME
EHH?
?
BULLIED?
?
WORK?

AT THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME...
SMILE
THAT HE WAS...
VERY GOOD-LOOKING.
WELL
LET'S DO OUR BEST.

Zz zz z
HE'S IN DEEP SLEEP.
UWAA
I SUP-POSE HE'S BEAT.
HM
HM
AH, SORRY.
UWA
DAMN!
FISCS


AH...
FLIP
BAM
I HAVE TO GO.
YOU DROPPED
Wait!
THAT DUMMY ...
FLUTTER
IT'S WHAT HE ALWAYS READS.
EH? A SCRIPT?
AKIRA
"AKIRA"...
"UNTIL WHEN DO YOU THINK...?"
"BUT EVEN LIKE THIS YOU..."
HAYAMI

HEY!
WAIT!
TAP
TAP
TAP
SECRET
CHAPTER 4
EH? WHAT IS THIS SCRIPT FOR?
IS THIS FROM THE DRAMA CLUB?
SOUTHERN LIBRARY

HEY, THIS IS...
AH...
Thanks
YOU FORGOT THIS!

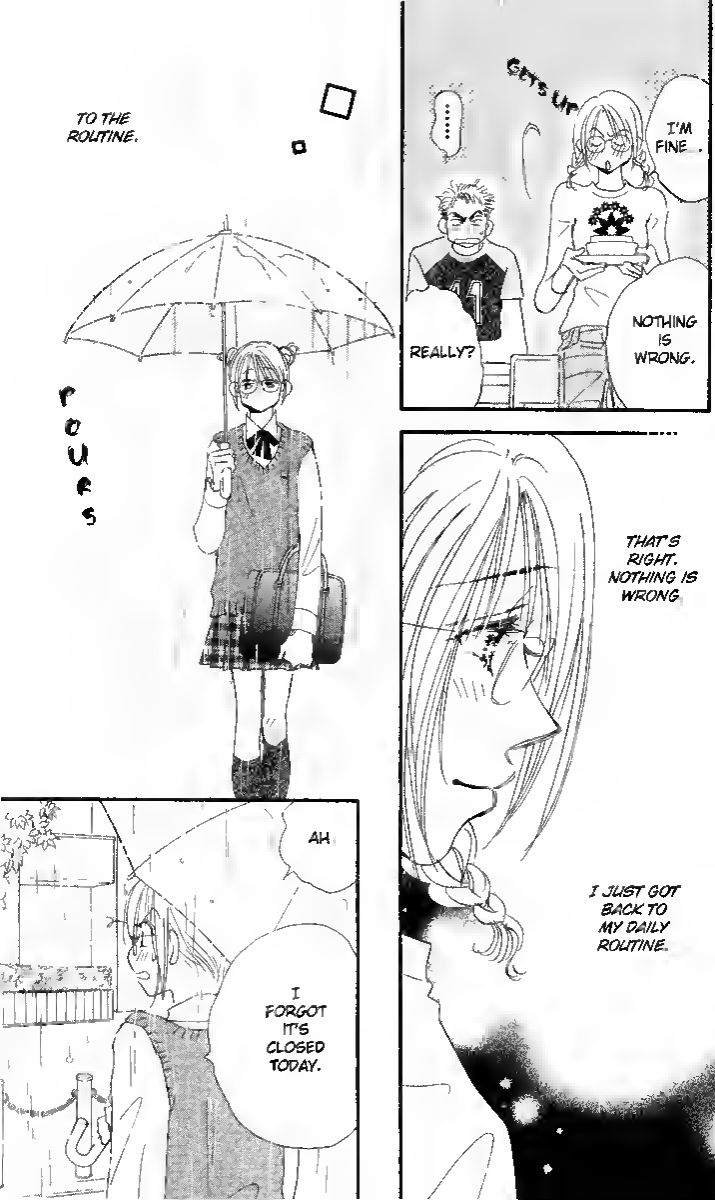
FLIP
EH?
SORRY.
BUT DON'T TALK TO ME WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE.
SCREEEEEH

I DON'T GET IT!
HEY, DID YOU SEE THE GUY WHO JUST GOT ON THE TAXI?
YES.
W...WHAT DID HE SAY?
OF COURSE HE WAS!
IS HE COMING TO THE LIBRARY?!
WASN'T HE UEHARA SOUTA FROM ROMEO EX?!

TO ABX TELEVISION STAGE 1, PLEASE
YES.
THAT'S RIGHT... I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING
AT THAT MOMENT
WHAT AM I...
DOING?

LIBRARY
SOUTHERN
HE DIDN'T COME TODAY EITHER
.....
WOW...
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE MORE GIRLS HERE LATELY.
?
?
BLAH
IS IT TRUE THAT SOUTA COMES HERE?
BLAH
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAID THEY'VE REALLY SEEN HIM HERE.
"DON'T TALK TO ME WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE."
BA-THUMP
THAT WAS THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME...

HOW WE COULD BE FRIENDS IF WE DON'T EVEN KNOW EACH OTHER'S NAMES.
IT'S TRUE... A GUY FROM KEISHU HIGH WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN ME.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS.
BROTHER
YOU'RE RIGHT...
FRAZZLED
THIS CURRY IS WATERY...
I SWAPPED THE QUANTITY OF CUCUMBER OF CARROT ONE BY MISTAKE.
AHH... I'M AN IDIOT...
MATSUMOTO
HEY!
YUU!
.....
YUU, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU KNOW YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT EVERYTHING.
YOU'RE MY ONLY FAMILY.


TO THE ROUTINE.
rours
GET'S UP
I'M FINE.
REALLY?
NOTHING IS WRONG.
THAT'S RIGHT. NOTHING IS WRONG.
I JUST GOT BACK TO MY DAILY ROUTINE.
AH
I FORGOT IT'S CLOSED TODAY.

EH?
BA-THUMP
SPLASH
HOW DUMB.
WITH CASUAL CLOTHES AND WITHOUT GLASSES,
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
HE LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER PERSON.
IT CAN'T BE. IS IT HIM?

AND YOU?
BUT...
WHY IS HE HERE?!
DASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
UWAA, YOU'RE SOAKING WET!
EH?
WHY DID YOU COME? DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S CLOSED TODAY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE GETTING WET!!

I DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD MEET
HMM
TU-TUM
NOT SEEING YOU IS ALREADY...
A PUNISHMENT TO ME.
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
WHY IS IT A PUNISHMENT?
I'M... A SELFISH PERSON.
EVEN KNOWING I WOULD BRING YOU TROUBLE... I WANTED TO SEE YOU ANYWAY.
HEY, I REALIZED I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME YET.

SNIFF SNIFF...
IT'S OKAY
W..WHAT IS HE SAYING?
I'M UEHARA SOUTA.
CAN YOU WATCH ABX AT 9 TODAY?
EH?
WELL..
MY NAME IS .

ONLY AT THAT MOMENT...
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME
WELL, THAT...
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH THAT..
IF YOU CAN ACCEPT SOMEONE WHO IS NOT NORMAL...
THEN CALL ME.

SECRET 17
CHAPTER 4
AKIRA.
THIS WAY. HURRY UP!
YES!

HA HA...
I HAVE MANY MAGAZINES WITH HIM ON IT AT HOME.
I'M... REALLY AN INCREDIBLE GIRL
WHEN I REALIZED HE WAS EVERYWHERE
IT'S UEHARA SOUTA
FROM ROMEO EX

IT CAN'T BE.
AND HE'S EVERYONE'S ROMEO.
HE'S A ROMEO WHO IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.
HOW COULD I EVEN IMAGINE HAVING SOMETHING...
WITH A GUY LIKE HIM?
UEHARA? OF COURSE I KNOW HIM, HE'S ONE OF THE ROMEO EX!
THERE ARE ALSO MANY JULIETS IN MY CLASS!
JULIETS?
HER BROTHER IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER
IT'S EMBARRASSING
YES, THEIR FAN CLUB IS CALLED JULIET CLUB.
THERE ARE MANY JULIETS...
BUHU

OKAY...
BEEP
BEEP
.....
BA-
THUMP
DDRRRR!!
BA-
THUMP
DDRRRR!!
BA-
THUMP
LET'S SEE...
I...
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT ME...

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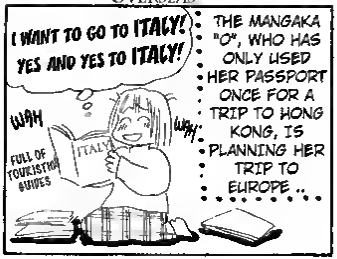
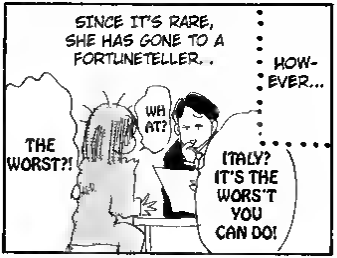
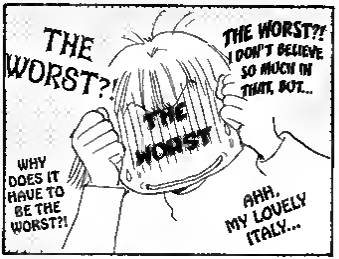
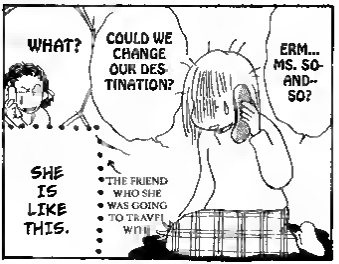

I WANT TO GO TO ITALY! YES AND YES TO ITALY!
WAH
WAH!
FULL OF TOURISTIC GUIDES
ITALY
THE MANGAKA "O", WHO HAS ONLY USED HER PASSPORT ONCE FOR A TRIP TO HONG KONG, IS PLANNING HER TRIP TO EUROPE..







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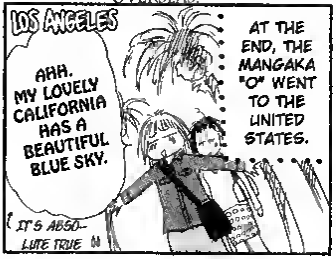
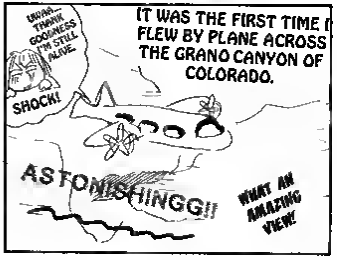
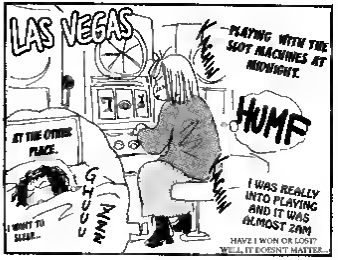
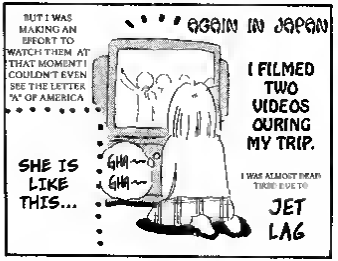

LOS ANGELES
AHH. MY LOVELY CALIFORNIA HAS A BEAUTIFUL BLUE SKY.
IT'S ABSO-LUTE TRUE
AT THE END, THE MANGAKA "O" WENT TO THE UNITED STATES.


UWAH THANK GOODNESS I'M STILL ALIVE
SHOCK!
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FLEW BY PLANE ACROSS THE GRAND CANYON OF COLORADO.
ASTONISHINGG!!
WHAT AN AMAZING VIEW!


LAS VEGAS
PLAYING WITH THE SLOT MACHINES AT MIDNIGHT.
HUMF
AT THE OTHER PLACE.
GHUCU
I WANT TO SLEEP..
I WAS REALLY INTO PLAYING AND IT WAS ALMOST 2AM
HAVE I WON OR LOST? WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER...


BUT I WAS MAKING AN EFFORT TO WATCH THEM AT THAT MOMENT! I COULDN'T EVEN SEE THE LETTER "A" OF AMERICA
SHE IS LIKE THIS...
GHH~
GHH~
AGAIN IN JAPAN
I FILMED TWO VIDEOS DURING MY TRIP.
I WAS ALMOST DEAD TIRED DUE TO
JET LAG

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JULIET CLUB (SECOND PART)

オーディション

I STARTED GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE NOT LONG AGO, AND NOW HE'S MY BOYFRIEND...
THE ONE WHO IS SURPRISED AND ACTS LIKE AN IDIOT IS ME, MATSUMOTO YUU, 17 YEARS OLD...
ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPER POPULAR GROUP ROMEO EX...
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT HE'S ONE OF THE GUYS WHO IS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT ON THAT STAGE...

KYAAA~!
SOUTAAA~!
HIIK
UEHARA
SOUTA...
WAAA

BLAH BLAH BLAH
KYA— KYA—
.....
AH.. MY EYES HURT..
DIDN'T YOU SEE WHEN HE WAVED HIS HAND AT ME?!
TOZUKO GLANCED AT ME!
SOUMA WAS SO HOMO-SOME!
FIRST TIME AT THE CONCERT
IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM LIVE AS ONE OF THE ROMEO EX...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M USING CONTACT LENSES...
IT'S TOO BRIGHT
HE LOOKED LIKE A BEING OUT OF THIS WORLD.
I'M DIZZY.

KYA— KYA—
KYAA—
UWAA!!
TAP TAP TAP
FUMP
THAT HURT!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ALL THOSE JULIETS?!
THEY ARE NAMED AS SUCH BECAUSE THE FAN CLUB IS CALLED JULIET CLUB
AH...
BAMM
KYAA
KYAA

GULP...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE...
WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
UEHARA
HEY. ARE YOU OKAY?
AH. I THINK SO.

EHH?!
WHO IS SHE?!
YOU MUST BE MATSUMOTO YUU, RIGHT?
COME WITH ME
♡
I'M THE DAUGHTER OF YAMAGISHI PRODUCTIONS' PRESIDENT.
I'M ALSO THE PRODUCER OF ROMEO EX
AHH...
I'M YAMAGISHI AZUKI.

SOUTA HAS.. ALSO HAD A HARD LIFE..
I WANT TO HELP HIM WITH THE GIRL HE HAS CHOSEN
♡
.....
HU
SOUTA HAS TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
OR RATHER, I FORCED HIM TO TALK ABOUT YOU.
.....
AH..
"I'M ALSO BULLIED AT SCHOOL."
"NAH. EVEN AT HOME."
AH, BY THE WAY, HOW IS SOUTA?
IS HE GENTLE TOWARDS THE GIRLS?
AH... YES, HE'S VERY KIND.

"THOSE CLOTHES ARE AWFUL."
FAST DATE
"WAH, HOW CLUMSY!"
HE OFTEN SAYS MEAN WORDS
BUT...
KYAAA
REALLY?! THAT SOUTA?!
GOOD NIGHT, MS. YAMAGISHI
GOOD NIGHT. SHE'S MY FRIEND.
HI
FLAP FLAP

AHH...
I SEE.
WE RENTED THE 12TH FLOOR ESPECIALLY FOR ROMEO EX.
NOT EVERYBODY CAN ENTER THIS PLACE.
THIS WAY. GO AHEAD.
DON'T WORRY. NOBODY FROM THE AGENCY WILL COME AT THIS HOUR
WOOW
FLIP
FLIP
!
HI...
HOW ARE YOU?

AZUKI!
HI!
WOW... ALL THE MEMBERS OF ROMEO EX ARE HERE!
BATTLE
AH!
YUU!

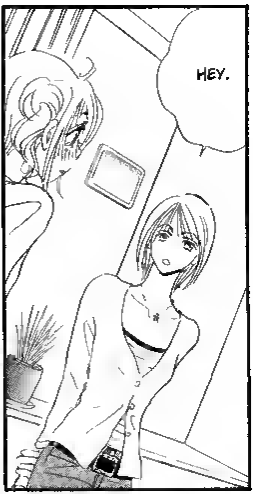
WHAT A SURPRISE! I THOUGHT YOU PREFER THEM "OLDER".
EH?! SHE IS SOUTA'S GIRL-FRIEND?!
I BROUGHT HER HERE JUST FOR TODAY. EH?
HEY!
GRAB
AH AH
KYA
GHUK
THUK
GRIN
EH? TODAY YOU AREN'T WEARING YOUR GLASSES.
GRAB
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO HIM COME WITH ME
HNNNN... HE'S SO BEAUTIFUL

YUU?
BU-HU
BU-HU
BU-HU
GRR
WAAAH
HE MADE HER CRY!
AH!
ERMM...
IT'S THE CONTACT LENSES!
NO! IT'S NOT THAT!
FLAP FLAP
I'M NOT A SPOILT BRAT TO CRY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I CAN'T STAND IT ANY-MORE!
AH!
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HERE!
BUT MY BROTHER IS WAITING FOR ME, SO I HAVE TO GO BACK!
GULP

FRAZZLED
HAA HAA
.....
SPOILED?
ARE YOU OKAY?

IF YOU LEAVE HERE, SOUTA CAN'T GO AFTER YOU
OR RATHER, HE WON'T BE ALLOWED TO DO IT.


HEY.

BLINK
.....
.....
YUU ..
IN ANY CASE ..
DO YOU KNOW HOW THE THINGS ARE GOING TO BE WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
YOU HAVE TO BE PRE-PARED BE-CAUSE YOU WON'T BE LIKE A NORMAL COUPLE
I HAVE TO GO BACK HOME..
EXCUSE ME.

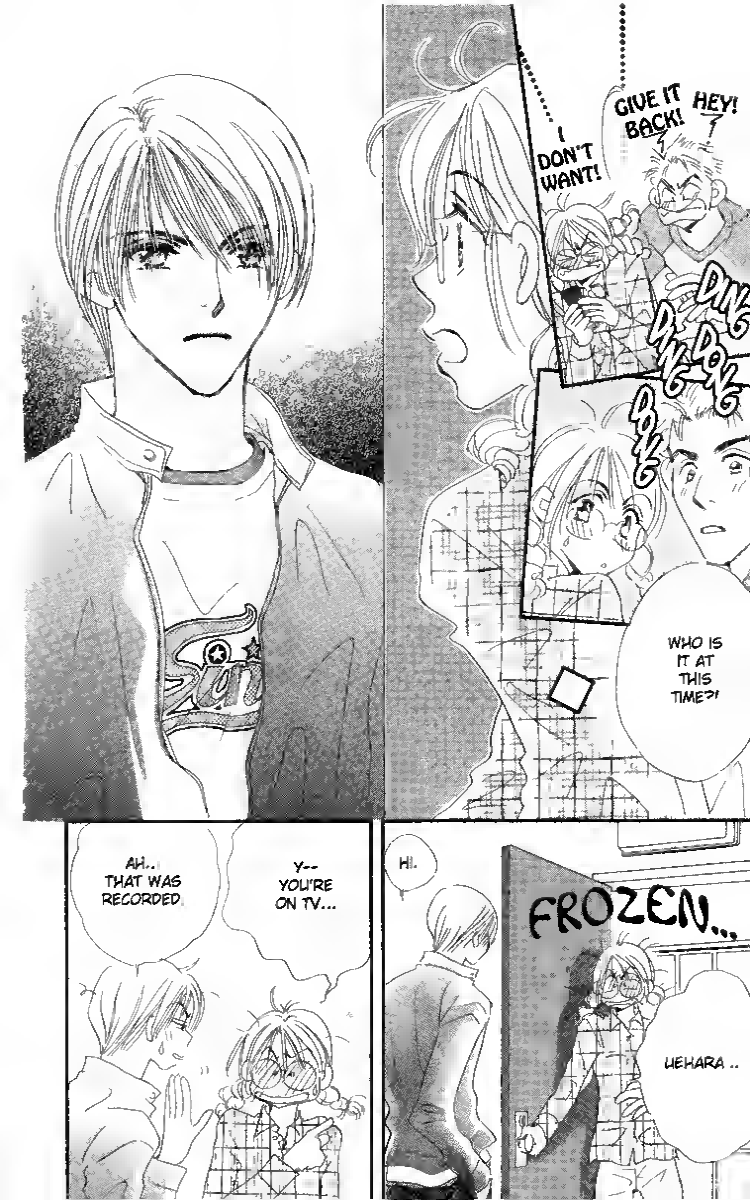
THE BOY I LIKED WAS THE ONE I MET AT THE LIBRARY..
I KNEW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THE BEGINNING.
CERTAINLY NOT..
HE IS ..
BUT HE IS..

ERMM... I'M SORRY.
I WENT OVER-BOARD, DIDN'T I?
AHH...
SLAM
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT..
SHE'S LIKE THIS..
AHH..
I THINK I ALSO WENT OVER-BOARD.

PAT
.....
SOUMA...
WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?
THAT'S THE WORLD WE HAVE CHOSEN

SLUMP
I CAN'T CON-CEN-TRATE!
IT'S USE-LESS...
IT HAS..
ALREADY BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE LAST TIME WE TALKED...
AHH...
UEHARA SOUTA
TOP-SECRET FILE
I MUSN'T WATCH TV!
OR READ MAGA-ZINES!!
GROAN
MATSUMOTO

HOW WONDERFUL IT HAD BEEN IF TIME HAD STOPPED AT THAT MOMENT.
WHEN THERE WERE ONLY YOU AND ME.
NOBODY ELSE...
GYA
OUR NEXT GUEST IS THE GROUP KOMEO EX!
HIIII!
YUU!? WHY DID YOU CHANGE IT?
BEEP
ZAP


I DON'T WANT!
GIVE IT BACK!
HEY!
DING DONG
DING DONG
WHO IS IT AT THIS TIME?!
FROZEN...
HI.
UEHARA ..
Y-- YOU'RE ON TV...
AH.. THAT WAS RECORDED.

GO!
AND, YUU!?
WHO IS IT?
HH
GRAB
AH...
I KNOW YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH THE STUDENT FROM THE LIBRARY...
WHOSE NAME YOU DIDN'T KNOW.. AND NOT WITH THIS UEHARA SOUTA FROM ROMEO EX

I UN-
DER-
STAND IT,
BUT..
HEY!
WHO
ARE
YOU?!
HAA
A PER-
VERT?!
LET
GO OF
YUU!
WHACK
BROTH
ER..
UEHARA...
FWOO
SH
BASTARD!
NO!

KA-POW
YUU?!
POUND POUND
HUH
VOICES?

DAMN. MY BROTHER..
KNOWS ABOUT US.
POUND
POUND
AN ARTIST LIKE YOU IS GOING OUT WITH YUU?
I DON'T...
REALLY CARE ABOUT APPEARANCE.
IT'S INSANE!
I CAN'T LET YOU HURT HER.
MOREOVER, DON'T YOU HAVE MANY PRETTY GIRLS AROUND YOU?
WHAT?
AH
BA THUMP

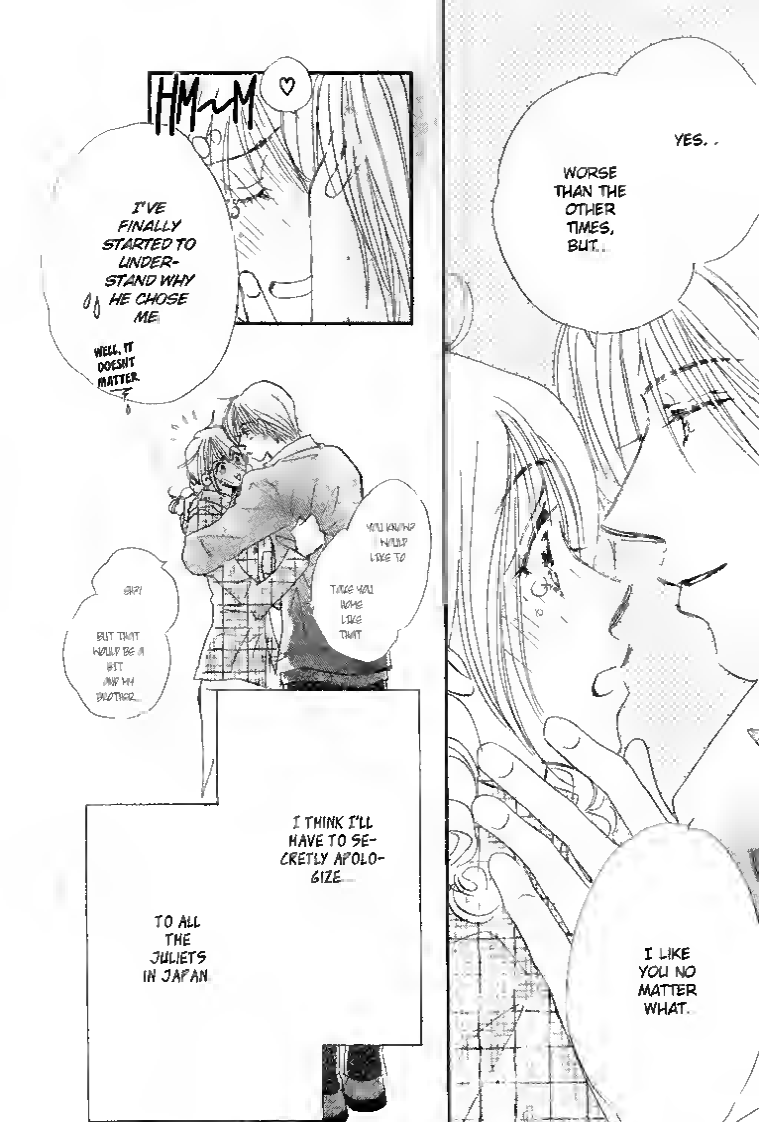
.....
GO AWAY...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME.. A GIRL HAS MADE ME FEEL LIKE THIS.
I ONLY WANT YUU..
OR RATHER ..

W--
WAIT!!
I UNDER-STAND.
AH...
I...
YUU!
HU...
IT HURTS .

I... WANT TO BE WITH YOU TOO!
BUT... IN SPITE OF THAT...
I DEFINITELY WANT TO STAND BESIDE YOU!
IN FACT, I RAN AWAY... BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WERE... TOO MUCH FOR ME.
AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO... I WAS AFRAID...

TAP TAP TAP
WHIPS AROUND
I'M SORRY!
GRABS
GULP
I WANT TO CRY...
DAMMIT.
BUHU-
COME WITH ME!
UEHA...!
COME WITH ME!
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY-MORE.

BA-THUMP
ERMM. AZUKI IS GOING TO GET ANGRY.
TUM
BA-THUMP
BLEH
CALM DOWN.
ALTHOUGH SHE SAID THAT, SHE ALSO HAS A RELATIONSHIP LIKE THIS.
?
SHE?
WAAH~
GLOMPS
ERMM...
HEY?
DO I LOOK HORRIBLE?


HMMM
I'VE FINALLY STARTED TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE CHOSE ME.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
YES. . WORSE THAN THE OTHER TIMES, BUT. .
I LIKE YOU NO MATTER WHAT.
I THINK I'LL HAVE TO SECRETLY APOLOGIZE... TO ALL THE JULIETS IN JAPAN.

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ぼくらと悪魔とクリスマス
WE, THE DEMON, AND CHRISTMAS

We're already in the middle of December
RESERVE OUR CAKES!
WE ACCEPT RESERVATIONS AT LILICA!
And he came this year too—

I'm Ichinose Kuri, and he's my twin brother Hiroki.
GOOD JOB, ICHINOSE TWINS
We're in the first year of High School.
Every year a black shadow always appears at this time of the year
Yes— He is.
the Demon
SEE YOU TOMO-RROW
PA?
BE CAREFUL ON THE WAY HOME

HIROKI...
FF
...

But this year ..
HAA
THUNK
We managed to catch him.

UGH
A-ANGELS
WELL, WELL I KNEW IT WAS YOU
"MR DEMON."
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?

That demon...
Appeared in front of us for the first time...
10 years ago—
I DON'T KNOW.
Hmm
WE'LL THINK ABOUT THAT NOW.
LET'S GO, HIROKI.
WE'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP WELL FROM TODAY ONWARDS.
CLANK
FLUU

Because the Ichinose Family owned many properties.

At that time

We lived in a big house...

On that day, we were celebrating Christmas,

With many of our relatives

Tap Tap

RURI,

HU

I TOLD YOU I KNEW THE PRESENTS WERE HERE

HU

HIROKI AND RURI LOOK LIKE REAL ANGELS

KYA KYA KYA!

HOW CUTE!

WOW

Both twins ran away from the adults and started to play what they always play

Hiroki and Ruri, 6 years old

KYAA
ZUO~K
UWAA... THERE ARE ANGELS
HU
HU
I think it was the room at the end of the house.
WHAT'S INSIDE?
WE CAN'T OPEN THEM... WE HAVE TO PRETEND WE KNOW NOTHING
WOW YOU HAVE THE SAME FACE
WHO ARE YOU!?
ERM
ME?
FLIP
Then...
He appeared

Since that moment, the time we spent playing with him...
HU
HU
Was fun.
GRIN
LET'S SAY I'M THE "DEMON."
However..
Misfortunes arrived like they were brought by the Demon.
My father was betrayed by a friend and went bankrupt.
Later he died drunk in a traffic accident.
But it couldn't have been suicide.

Moved into the house our grandparents had left us
Then our mother Midori and both of us
But.
The saddest thing was
HIROKI!?
But in spite of that..
The women of the Ichinose Family are strong
When we realized it Hiroki couldn't speak anymore.
HIROKI
WHY?
After seeing so much evil in adults..

My mother started a store by her own hands.
GRRR
And it was so successful that she is currently travelling abroad all the time because of business (By the way it looks like this year she won't be coming home for Christmas again.)
THAT'S ENOUGH! WE CAN'T STAY CRYING ALL THE TIME!
LOOK AT MOM! I'M GOING TO WORK HARD!
I took Hiroki to a normal school.
And protected him.
HUNF
He was only missing his speech ability.
Apart from that he was a normal child.
And when we finally went back to our normal life...
That black shadow started to appear on the Decembers of each year.

Decided to catch him...
Fwu...

We realized at once.
He was the boy of that day, the "Demon"

But he always disappeared immediately
Leaving only a shadow that brought uneasiness
That's why we—

KRR
KRR
KRR
CRASH!
KRR
KRR
KRR
KRR
KRR
DAMMIT...
IT'S
IT'S FREEZING!!
DA-
SLAM

KF
KF
FUU
BFF
YOU SAVED ME...
SURP
GRRMM
SURP
ZU~~SH
.....
ERMM
....
AREN'T YOU COLD? I'M NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY SO, YOU CAN GO BACK
YOU CAME HERE SECRETLY, DIDN'T YOU?
ZU~~SH
FRUP
WELL, THE DEMON IS GOING TO SLEEP!
DON'T WORRY!
I WON'T DO ANY-THING TO YOU
Z—
Z—
Z—

ZUSH
KSH!
BLAM
HUF
FLAP
DEMON!!
Z
Z

AH?
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE EVIL!
IT'S INCREDIBLE!!
WAAH~
BRRR
DAMN!!
WE HAVE WORK TOMORROW!
HIROKI!!
IS BURNING WITH A FEVER
IT'S ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT!
AH!
SANTA CLAUS AND THE REINDEER
HU
AH!

WOW... I SEE THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS... BEEN WATCHING US
...

DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ANGEL HIROKI?
WHAT?

DON'T WORRY...
NO MATTER WHAT A DEMON I AM,
I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR OF GIVING ME FOOD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP.
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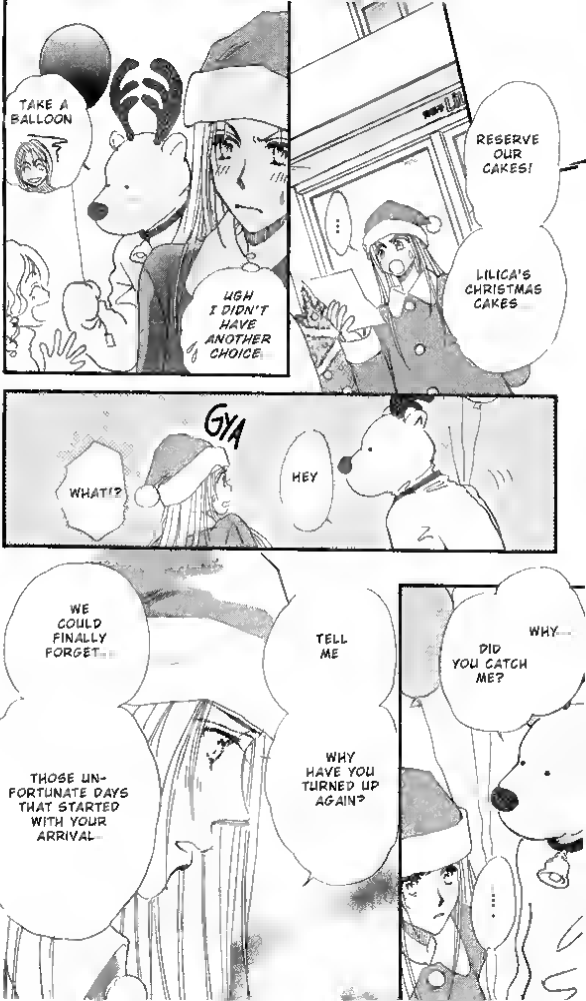
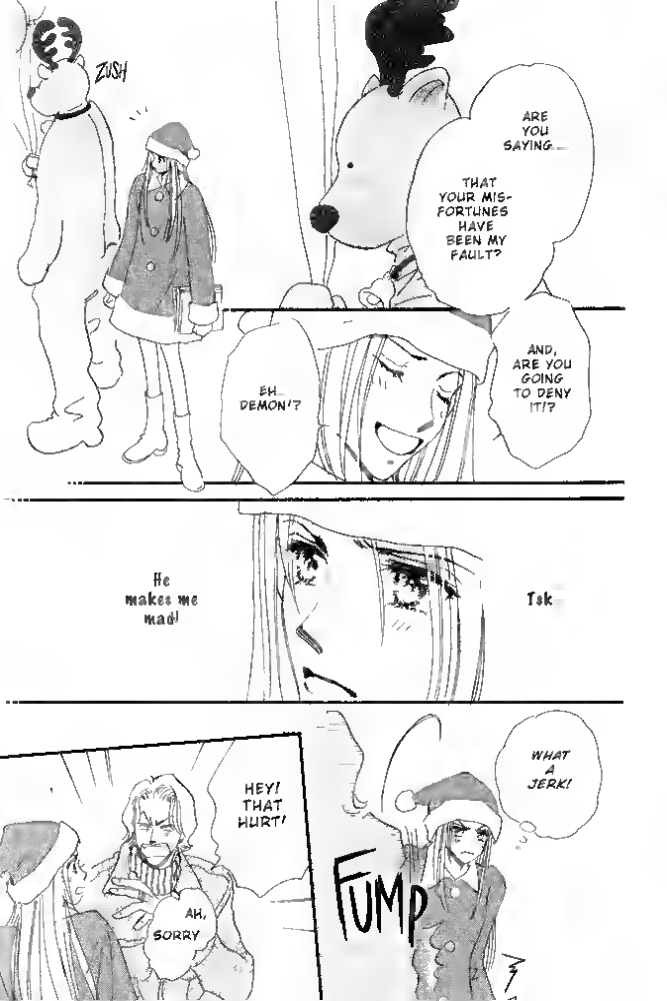
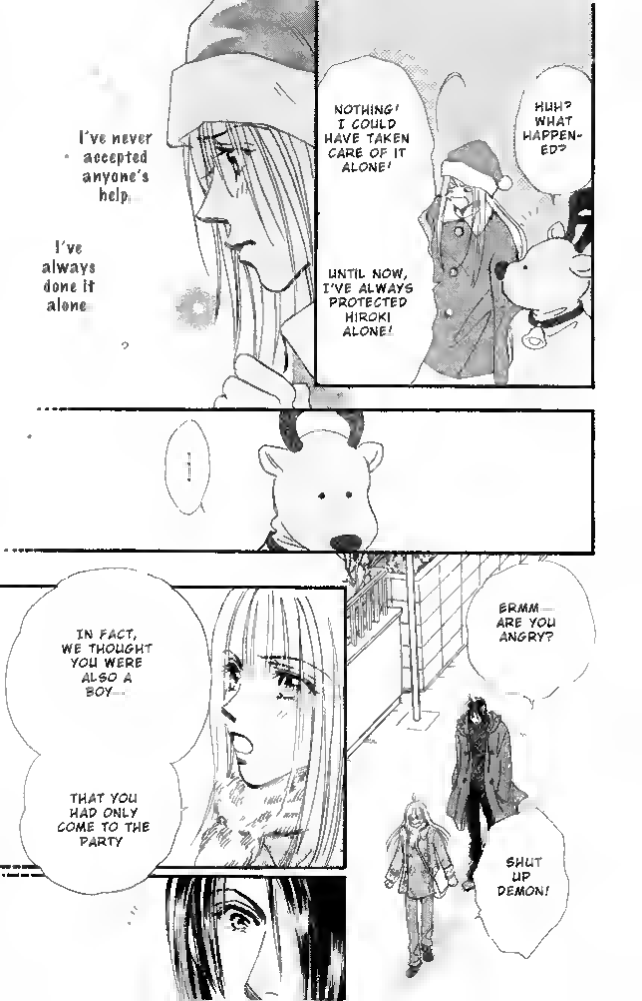

TAKE A BALLOON
UGH I DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE
RESERVE OUR CAKES!
LILICA'S CHRISTMAS CAKES
GYA
WHAT!?
HEY
WE COULD FINALLY FORGET
THOSE UNFORTUNATE DAYS THAT STARTED WITH YOUR ARRIVAL
TELL ME
WHY HAVE YOU TURNED UP AGAIN?
WHY DID YOU CATCH ME?


ZUSH
ARE YOU SAYING... THAT YOUR MISFORTUNES HAVE BEEN MY FAULT?
AND, ARE YOU GOING TO DENY IT!?
EH, DEMON!?
He makes me mad!
Tsk
HEY! THAT HURT!
AH, SORRY
FUMP
WHAT A JERK!

FUMP
GHUK
GRAB
HM
HOW BEAUTIFUL!
LET'S GO TO PLAY, PRETTY MISS CLAUS!
DON'T JOKE AROUND CAN'T YOU SEE I'M WORKING?
ARE YOU OKAY? ♡
TSK
GRR
DAMN YOU!
THUP
WA!


I've never accepted anyone's help.
I've always done it alone.
NOTHING! I COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF IT ALONE!
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED?
UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS PROTECTED HIROKI ALONE!
!
IN FACT, WE THOUGHT YOU WERE ALSO A BOY—
THAT YOU HAD ONLY COME TO THE PARTY
BRMM— ARE YOU ANGRY?
SHUT UP DEMON!

WEIRD?
WAS HE AFRAID OF ME?
THERE WERE TIMES WHEN WE DIDN'T COME BACK TILL VERY LATE
HE SEEMS UNEASY WHEN DECEMBER ARRIVES, AND WHEN HE SEES YOU, HE STARTS TO CHASE AFTER YOU
JUST THE OPPOSITE!
BUT!
YOU'VE APPEARED AGAIN!
AND HIROKI BECAME WEIRD
NOTHING LIKE THAT
WHY?
IT'S BECAUSE DEEP INSIDE HIROKI
YOU REMAIN IN HIS MIND BECAUSE THAT NIGHT WAS THE MOST FUN FOR HIM
DID HE WANT REVENGE?

INSTEAD OF A DEMON,
YOU STAY IN HIS MIND AS A MEMORY OF THE HAPPY DAYS
AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE,
HIROKI WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON, AND HE'LL STAY IN THE PAST.
THAT'S WHY YOU
YES.
NOTHING WILL BE SETTLED IF WE DON'T KNOW YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.
ANYWAY, I WANTED TO TELL YOU FACE TO FACE...
DON'T EVER APPEAR IN FRONT OF US AGAIN
...JUST THAT

ZASH
HAA
HIROKI!?
HAA

D-DON'T...
D-DON'T...
G-GO...
HIROKI'S VOICE!?
FUMP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? MOVE AWAY!
HI HIROKI?
NO!
HIS FEVER IS HIGH WE NEED TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL
I SEE
UNDER-STOOD
LAST TIME, WHEN HE COULDN'T SPEAK, THEY FORCED HIM TO GO THERE AND
HIROKI CAN'T GO TO THE HOSPITAL

GYAA..
DON'T SAY IT LIKE IT'S NOTHING!
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!
HE'S GOING TO GET BETTER
HAA
HAA
IF HIROKI DIES,
IT'S YOUR FAULT
PAT
DON'T WORRY
What I m feeling
Nobody understands .

REALLY?
CALM DOWN.
NOW YOU'RE NOT ALONE
AND HIROKI WILL GET BETTER
OF COURSE.
Why are you so gentle?
Hey,
if you're a demon.

HIROKI!
HAA
CHRIP
CHRIP
AH...
TU-TUM
And the demon?
HUH
TU-TUM
"Don't ever appear in front of us again"
TU-TUM

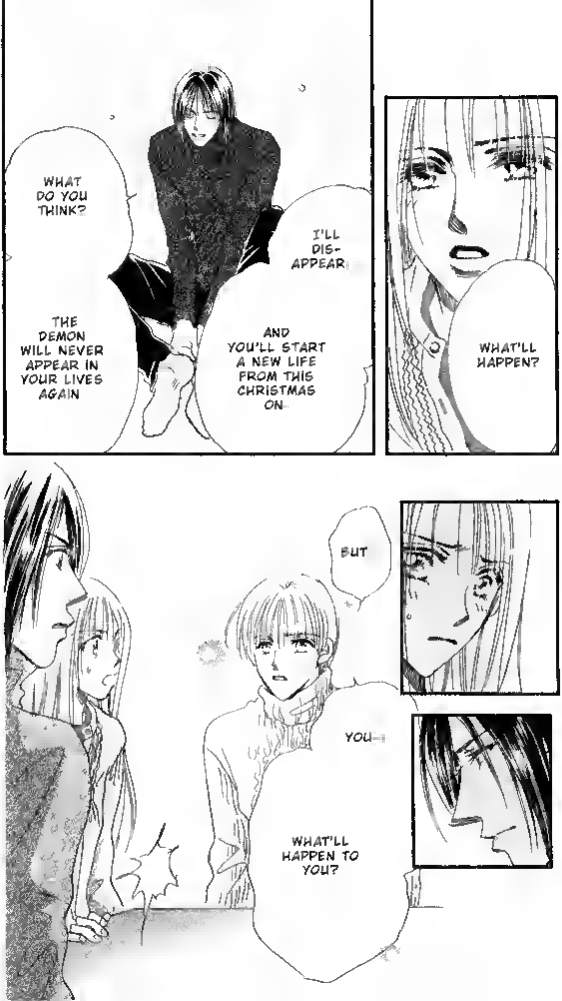
HI
GOOD MORNING
LET ME BORROW THE KITCHEN FOR A MOMENT
KUK KUK
AH YES
He's.. Here
HERE IT'S RICE PORRIDGE
CAN YOU EAT IT?
Be careful! It's hot
Hiroki..
Did I just imagine hearing your voice yesterday?

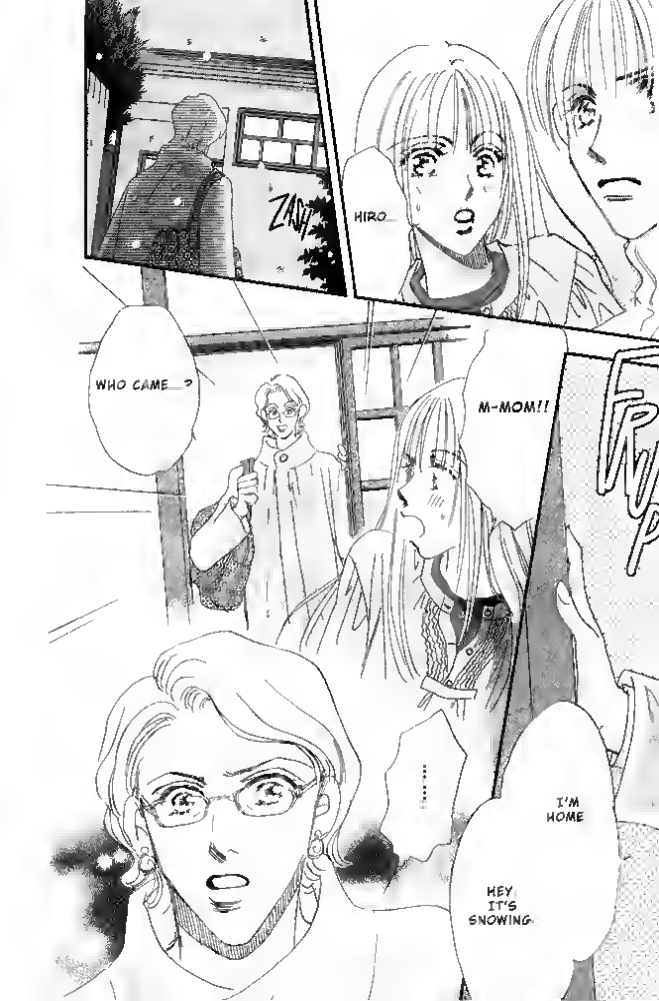
Are you that happy
That the demon didn't leave?
HIROKI...
ZZ
OKAY, GO BACK TO SLEEP
SMILE
WELL
ZUSH
TU-TUM
WHAT!?
I'LL GO TO WORK TODAY TOO
I'LL HANDLE IT ALONE YOU STAY AND TAKE CARE OF HIROKI
HUH?

And without any reason, I made dinner for three people
LET'S TASTE IT
ERMM
I MEAN
IF YOU AGREE
AH
The demon left alone to work
HMM?
IS IT GOOD LIKE THIS?
Well..
THIS FEELS WEIRD
YES, GO AHEAD
ERMM ENJOY YOUR MEAL!
From that day on,
Although it was weird, we started living together with the demon

And then
HE KEPT THE JOB
HIROKI, WE'RE LEAVING
And without realizing.
LET ME HELP YOU
GIVE IT TO ME
THAT'S FINE
YOU'RE SO STUR BORN!
HI. DON'T YOU WANT A CAKE!?
CHRISTMAS EVE ARRIVED
I couldn't tell him
To leave anymore

WE'RE HOME.
LOOK, IT'S A CAKE. ♡
NO BODY ASKED YOU THAT !!
AH THERE WERE FEW CAKES LEFT
WHEN BOTH OF YOU
BLOW THE CANDLES


WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THE DEMON WILL NEVER APPEAR IN YOUR LIVES AGAIN
I'LL DIS-APPEAR
AND YOU'LL START A NEW LIFE FROM THIS CHRISTMAS ON
WHAT'LL HAPPEN?
BUT
YOU—
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU?

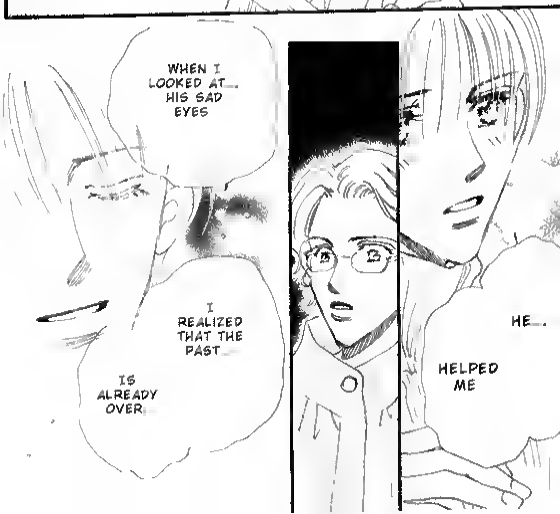

ZASP
HIRO...
WHO CAME...?
M-MOM!!
I'M HOME
HEY IT'S SNOWING

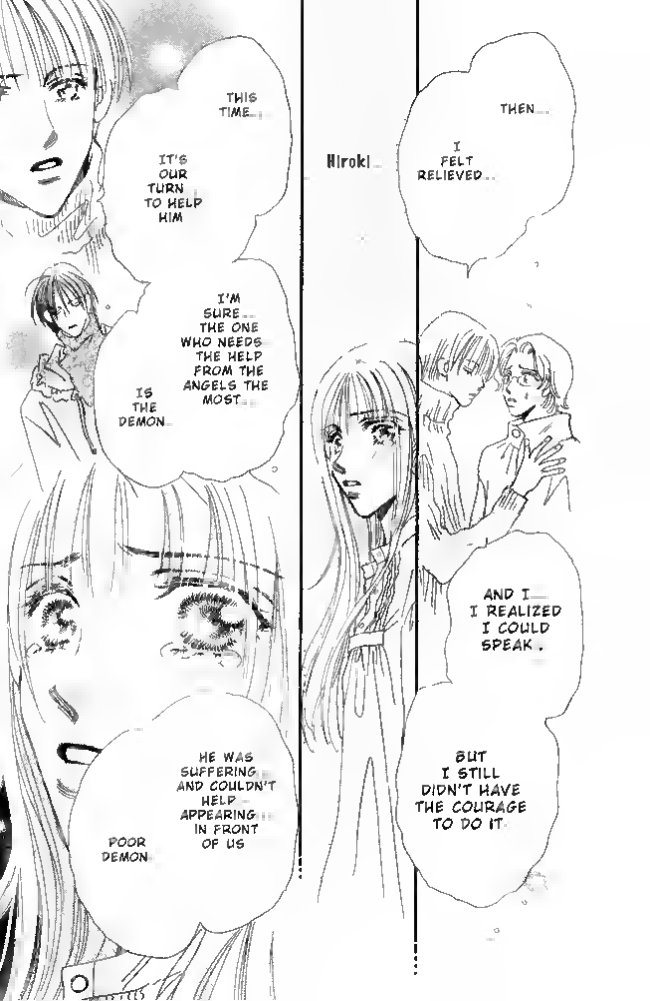
AH! HE'S...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM MY CHILDREN?!
LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!
MOM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RURI!?
HE'S WATARAI'S SON ONE OF THE MEN WHO BETRAYED YOUR FATHER!
EH?

GET OUT!
WATARAI MASAYA!!
WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY ARE LIVING!?
IN OUR OLD HOUSE!!
THE IDENTITY OF THE DEMON HAS FINALLY BEEN REVEALED

WHAT A SHAME!
I WANTED TO LEAVE BEFORE THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
NO!!
DON'T... LET HIM GO YET.. RURI
!!

HAH
DON'T GO! FORGET THAT MAN!
AH! WAIT!
H-HIROKI
YOU CAN SPEAK
GRAB
!


WHEN I LOOKED AT HIS SAD EYES
I REALIZED THAT THE PAST IS ALREADY OVER
HE HELPED ME


THIS TIME...
IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP HIM
I'M SURE... THE ONE WHO NEEDS THE HELP FROM THE ANGELS THE MOST...
IS THE DEMON...
POOR DEMON...
HE WAS SUFFERING AND COULDN'T HELP APPEARING IN FRONT OF US
Hiroki...
THEN...
I FELT RELIEVED...
AND I... I REALIZED I COULD SPEAK.
BUT I STILL DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO IT

AH
RU... RI-
HURRY UP!
HAA
!!
HAA

AHH..
AH..
FORGIVE ME
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING!
THEY TOLD ME THE ANGELS' FAMILY WENT ABROAD.
AND THAT I COULD CALMLY LIVE IN THAT HOUSE

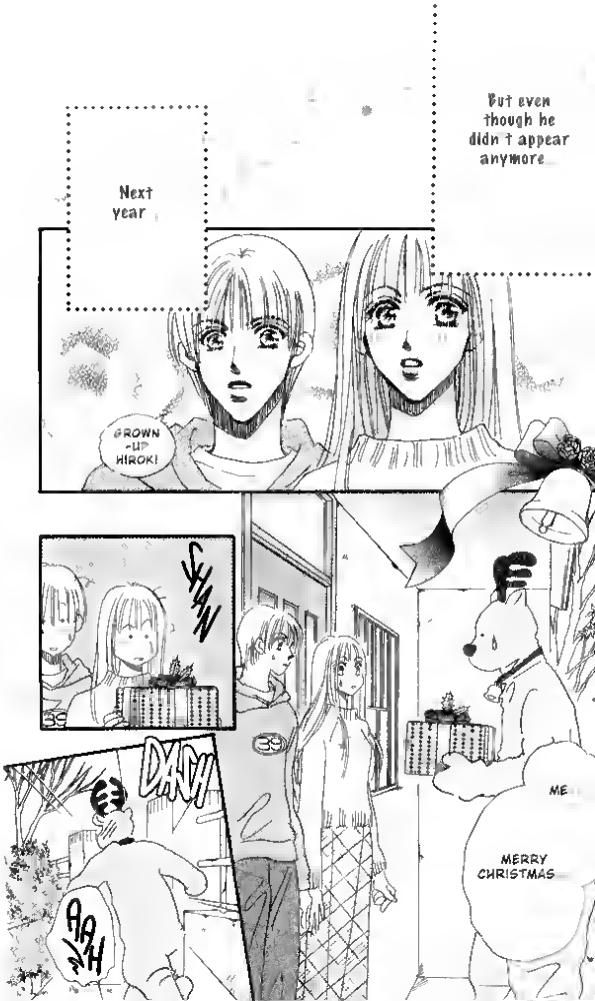
AND IT WAS JUST A FEW YEARS AGO THAT I FOUND OUT WHICH FAMILY HAS BEEN THE VICTIM
BUT THE IDIOT FINALLY REALIZED WHAT HIS PARENTS DID
WHY DID I DO IT? DID I THINK I COULD GET FORGIVENESS... JUST BY CHANCE?
SINCE THEN, THE SON OF THE DEMONS I... STARTED SEARCHING FOR THE ANGELS
IS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE DEMON THAT HAS MADE YOU SUFFER
THIS WRETCHED MAN!

HIROKI ASKED ME TO HELP YOU BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I CAN ONLY HUG YOU...
LIKE THIS.

Then that night.

THANK YOU...

In a white world, our demon disappeared.


But even though he didn't appear anymore
Next year
GROWN-UP HIROKI
SWING
DASH
AAH
ME
MERRY CHRISTMAS

DASH!
LET'S CATCH HIM, RURI!
YES!
We have caught something very important.

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